U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of EDWIN D. GEORGE <u>and DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR</u>, U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, Raleigh, NC

Docket No. 98-2131; Submitted on the Record; Issued January 19, 2000

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant suffered any medical condition or disability beginning November 12, 1996 casually related to his August 8, 1969 employment injuries.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative dated and made final on April 30, 1998 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated and finalized on April 30, 1998 is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. January 19, 2000

> George E. Rivers Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member